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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 850,000 head as of August 1, 2009. The latest inventory was up 13 percent from last year's inventory and down 7% from the July 1, 2009 inventory of 910,000 head. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 180,000 head of fed cattle during July 2009. This represents a 5% decrease from last month's marketings had an increase of 3% from the marketings a year ago. An estimated 125,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during July, consistent with June 2009's placements, but 14 percent above a year ago. Of the number placed in July, 12 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 12 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 28 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 48 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for July was at 5,000 head, consistent with last month and last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.6 million head on August 1, 2009. The inventory was 2 percent below August 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.86 million, 13 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 455,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 458,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.93 million, 5 percent below 2008. This is the third lowest marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 43,000 during July, 4 percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of July since the series began in 1996.